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SUBJECT: BILATERAL AID: YOUR DRAFT MEMO

1. FOR WHAT THEY ARE WORTH, WE HAVE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS ON
YOUR FIRST CUT AT A MEMO ON BILATERAL AID.

2. FIRST, SINCE THE SOLARZ AMENDMENT HAS NOW BEEN PROPOSED IN
THE HOUSE AND IN VIEW OF THE ELECTIONRESULT OUT HERE (AFTER YOU
DRAFTED YOUR PAPER), I HOPE YOU CAN PUT IN A MUCH STRONGER AND
MORE POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION THAT WE SUPPORT THE SOLARZ PROPOSAL.
INDIA NOW, IN MANY WAYS, QUALIFIES FOR THE BILATERAL AID; SHOULD
WE NOT SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL WE WOULD BE TELLING THE NEW
GOVT OUT HERE THAT WE WANTED TO MAINTAIN SOME DISTANCE FROM IT.

3. SECOND, WHILE I KNOW YOU WILL WANT TO INFORM THE SECRETARY
REGARDING THE KINDS OF ASSISTANCE WE MIGHT PROVIDE, I TRUST
YOU WILL KEEP OUR OPTIONS OPEN FOR DECISIONS FOLLOWING
AID TALKS WITH THE GOI HERE. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN UNDER
WRAPS ON THAT SUBJECT FOR A LONG TIME AND WE ARE BADLY OUT OF
DATE REGARDING INDIA'S DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND NEEDS AS THESE MAY
RELATE TO OUR DEVELOPMENT LOAN CRITERIA. WE SHOULD NOT GET IN
A POSITION OF BEING LOCKED IN CONCRETE BEFORE WE TALK OUT HERE.

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4. THIRD, I PREFER NOT TO THINK OF A DOLS 61-100 MILLION PROGRAM
AS PURELY SYMBOLIC AND POLITICAL. OUR AID SHOULD BE SEEN AS
A PART OF THE CONSORTIUM AGRAGATE AND, AS SUCH, FULFILLS IMPORTANT
ECONOMIC CRITERIA. I DO NOT THINK WE SHOULD BE OVERLY MODEST
ABOUT THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF AN ULTIMATE BILATERAL LEVEL OF
OVER DOLS 100 MILLION. (PLUS, PERHAPS, DOLS 200 MILLION PL-480)

I BELIEVE THAT THAT SHOULD BE A CEILING FOR A WHILE
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